

Learn and Serve Course Development Grants

Faculty Partnerships with University Settlement's Tutoring Programs

Purpose of Grant:

NY/PA Campus Compact has awarded New York University a three-year grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service Learn and Serve America Program to strengthen and expand service learning throughout the NYU campus. Funding covers financial support and the provision of technical assistance to select faculty as they incorporate service-learning into new and existing courses. Grant recipients agree to place their students at **University Settlement House** to provide tutoring for K-12 youth and adult learners from disadvantaged backgrounds throughout the semester.

Background on University Settlement House:

As the first settlement house in the United States, founded in 1886, University Settlement embodies the settlement ideal – working from within the community to buoy the lives of individuals, families and the collective whole. The Settlement serves as a haven for Lower East Siders of all ages, from infants to the elderly, offering child care, pre-school, housing assistance, mental health services, college and career preparation, crisis intervention, a senior center, arts events, English classes, after-school programs, summer camps and more.

Financial Support:

Grant recipients receive \$2,000 in the form of budget relief or direct compensation to be determined by individual schools and agree to: (1) Participate in three, two hour long faculty development workshops. Dates to be determined in consultation with grant recipients. (2) Integrate Service Learning into a new or existing course within one calendar year following the workshops. (3) Place Learn and Serve students at University Settlement to provide weekly tutoring to K-12 youth or adult learners.

Technical Assistance:

The workshop series provides training in matters of Service Learning course design, classroom based reflection activities, and evaluation and assessment.

Application Deadlines:

Applications are due on Monday, April 30, 2007. Workshop sessions will be held during late spring and summer.

Completed applications should be sent to:

The Office of Community Service
Attention: Gloria Cahill
25 W. 4th Street, Room 503
New York, NY 10012

For questions or additional information, contact Gloria Cahill at (212) 998-2349

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To apply:

Please submit a letter of support from your dean and a 1-2 page statement that addresses the following questions:

- Why are you interested in Service Learning?
- In which course do you plan to integrate a service-learning component? Discuss how course content/objectives would tie in to student placements at University Settlement.
- What experience, if any, do you have with academic and community engagement, volunteering/community service, or active learning?

At the top of your application, please provide the following information:

(1) Name, (2) Title, (3) Department, (4) Phone number, (5) E-mail address, (6) Permanent Mailing Address

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Please keep in mind that all grant recipients agree to:

Participate in all three faculty development workshops. Each workshop runs 2 hours long. Date to be determined in consultation with grant recipients.

Integrate Service Learning into a new or existing course within one calendar year following the workshops.

Place students at University Settlement to provide weekly tutoring in educational programs.

Definition of Service Learning:

Service Learning is an instructional approach that draws explicit connections between classroom learning and immediate issues in the community by creating opportunities for students to be active in community-based service or research as part of the course.

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